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## Arrivals.

JANUARY 7. MONTGOMERYSHIRE, British str., 149. G. Butler, London 11th November, left Port Said 27th. Since 28th, Penang 24th December, and Singapore 23rd, General J. W. B. Port, & Co.

JANUARY 7. MINAS, British str., 1538, Paxton, Amoy 6th January, General B. B. B. & Co.

JANUARY 7. SALTERS, British steamer, 252, Gareau, Tonkin 28th December, General — LANDSTEIN & Co.

## Departures.

JANUARY 7. YESSO, str., for East Coast.

JANUARY 7. GWAHAN, str., for Shanghai, Bong Bay, & Co.

JANUARY 7. DANSE, str., for Saigon and Bangkok.

JANUARY 7. NIACOMA, str., for Bangkok.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, JANUARY 7th.

Bunker Hill for Maule.

Portes, for Manila.

Edmund Gressier, str., for Whampoa.

## PASSENGERS.

Arrived: Per Menelaus, str., from Amoy — 8 Chinese.

For Montgomeryshire, str., from London, 2d.

Mr. B. B. & 11 Chinese.

Per Salas, str., from Tonquin — 27 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamship *Montgomeryshire* reports 1st. Amoy on 24th January, and had fresh N.E. monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Salter* reports left Tonquin on 28th December, and had very strong monsoon and thick weather with high seas throughout.

The British steamship *Montgomeryshire* reports left London on 11th November, arrived at Port Said on the 20th, and left again on the 27th; left Suez on the 28th; arrived at Penang on 22nd December, and left again on the 21st; arrived at Singapore on the 26th, and left again on the 27th; moderate weather to Singapore; since the 1st instant had strong gales from the N.E. S. to N.W. with a very heavy sea to arrival.

## SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

Arrivals: December 31st, Vests from Nagasaki; 26th, Progress from Kobe, Kronprinsen; 26th, Frigates from Nagasaki; 27th, Kaum from Nagasaki; 29th, Agnes Muri from London.

Departures: December 18th, Nudesse for Nagasaki; 19th, Hilda for Hakodate, Hokkaido for Japan; 21st, Progress from Nagasaki; 26th, Frigates for Chusan; 28th, India for Chusan.

Vessels Exported at Hongkong. (Continued to Date.)

Alejandro... New York... Feb. 10  
Frances... Shields... Feb. 19  
Cleopatra... Penang... April 8  
Canton... Falmouth... June 1  
Brama... York... July 13  
Dreyfus... London... July 13  
Charlotte... Cardiff... Aug. 16  
Mare... Cardiff... Aug. 16  
Pulse... Hamburg... Sept. 9  
Invincible... London... Sept. 9  
Federico Serrano... Swansea... Sept. 14  
Hansa... Cardiff... Sept. 15  
Bunia... Cardiff... Sept. 15  
Varuna... London... Sept. 15  
Natal (s)... London... Sept. 20  
Lytton... London... Sept. 20  
Milo... London... Sept. 20  
Cianan (s)... Glasgow... Oct. 13  
Augusta... Frederick... Oct. 13  
Livingstone... Kiel... Oct. 23  
Groen Jact... Penang... Oct. 24  
Admiral... Liverpool... Oct. 24  
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Hongkong, 8th January, 1875.

AT 12M. ON 6TH INST., THE WIFE OF SAMUEL PARKHILL, Imperial Maritime Customs' Service, of a daughter.

"residents," on returning to his native land, giving them. On the 3d inst. defendant produced some bills, amounting to \$1,000, to be paid him, but he had not received any money for his services in the East. But in all probability most of those at the ports in China who buy and sell books, with interest it may be, could learn far more any day from those around them if only they were able to converse with the people with whom they are constantly coming in contact. Of late years the study of the Chinese language has been much more engaged by foreigners than it used to be, but the facilities which can now be had in the shape of handbooks, dictionaries, &c., for its acquirement, are much greater than they were some years ago. Many, however, continue indifferent to the advantages of even a slight knowledge of colloquial, or are too idle to pick it up. The consequences that

refuge is taken in the "piggin"—a few words of which express a great deal sometimes, if it does so rather ambiguously, and the real character of the Chinaman remains still to the foreigner a sealed book. And not only this, but as things are now there is no doubt that the Chinese character is very much misunderstood. We are naturally distrustful of the natives around us, and certainly not without reason, but one would not go far before he met with a much worse type of humanity than a respectable Chinaman. He is always courteous and kind in his manners, shrewd in his remarks, and possessed generally of a genial disposition. But no class amongst them are slow to appreciate any effort on the part of the foreigner to understand them, and the better they are understood the more pleasant will be their relations with foreigners generally. Much of that suspicion which has always, rightly or wrongly, attached to their dealings would under those circumstances disappear, confidence would be strengthened and not abused, and Chinamen would in the future be looked upon by the business men of western nations with far more favour than they have been in the past.

In consequence of a very strong monsoon and high seas, steamers and sailing vessels are making long passages from the South. The Saltee, from Tonquin gulf, has taken ten days in running.

The Bond of H.M.'s 8th Regiment will perform, this evening, the following programme—

Quick March....."Fleur-de-lis".  
Gavotte....."Schubert".  
Selection....."Saxton".  
Scherzo....."Schubert".  
Scherzo....."Marta".  
Scherzo....."Flora".  
Valse....."Gugl".

"God Save the Queen".  
W. W. PAULING, Bandmaster.

The Straits Times says the Singapore Government contains two Chinese dispatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The first prescribes the intermediate custody of any class of soldiers sentenced by court-martial to penal servitude, and the second providing that when a Governor appointed to a Colony does not proceed direct to the Colony after embarkation, he shall only be allowed half salary for the time that would have been occupied in a direct journey. Thus, Governor coming from Europe to the Straits or Hongkong via Bombay or Calcutta, would have to make via Boulogne, Paris, and the like.

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## Extracts.

## PIMENTO.

I was young and green when I married my wife, And foolish though, it is true, I'd married her for the rest of my life, But found very soon it was two.

The one she was loving and soft as the dawn, With grace for a saint to adore, The hand of my life from a sword was drawn— Her mother, my mother-in-law.

At breakfast and dinner, and supper too, Her face made the monkey chink; Though speaking fire tongue, I was forced to be mute.

Her long wits of teether, I think, The happiest day of my life, or about;

That lifted my spirit like yeast;

Was the time when my mother-in-law pattered out, And then the old lady deceased.

I feared the old wench might yet be returned—

I've heard such cases related—

And felt it was safer to have her buried,

And so I had her creased.

Our chickens are wonders to all of our friends;

They never eat chickens lay more;

I'll tell you the secret, just feed your old hens

On the dust of your mother-in-law.

One steed and our entries are prided by each guest;

We smile at their aplomb.

For I guess that our guests have never yet groused,

The spice of her was the cause.

The Archives which pictures praise

Are really in flavor quite poor,

Compared to the spices our husbands can miss.

From a crumpled mother-in-law!

A LOVING SCHOOLMASTER.

Another incident illustrative of the perils of daily life in Val Pessinieres, was related to me by Mr. Milson while passing the scene of the mud and rock avalanches so common in the valley. Etienne Baridon, a member of the same Les Rives family, an intelligent young man, disabled for ordinary work by lameness and deformity, occupied himself in teaching the children in the Protestant school at Violens, whitened he walked daily, accompanied by the pupils from Les Rives. One day, a heavy thunderstorm burst over the valley, and sent down an avalanche of mud, debris and boulders, which rolled quite across the valley and extended to the river. The news of the circumstances reached Etienne when in school at Violens; the road to Les Rives was closed; and he was accordingly urged to stay over the night with the children. But thinking of the anxiety of their parents, he determined to guide them back over the fall of rocks if possible. Arrived at the place, he found the mass as ill as the mors, rolling slowly down a ridge of from ten to twenty feet high, towards the river. Supported by stout staffs, the lame Baridon, took first one child and then another upon his hummock and contrived to carry them across in safety, but while making his last journey with the last child, his foot slipped and his leg got badly crushed among a still-rolling stone. He was, however, able to extricate himself, and reached Les Rives in safety with all the children. "This, Etienne," concluded Mr. Milson, "was really a noble fellow, and his poor deformed body covered the soul of a hero."—From "Huguenots in France."

INCIDENTS OF HIMALAYAN TRAVEL.

Stopping to rest a little, about midnight, I was accosted by a native gentleman who came out of the darkness, seated himself behind me, and said in English, "Who are you?" I had a suspicion who my friend was, but put a similar question to him; on which he replied, not without a certain dignity, "I am the Rajah of Bussahir." This Bussahir, which includes Kimaawar, and extends up the Sutlej valley to Chinese Tibet, is the state in which I was travelling. Its products are opium, grain, and woolen manufactures, and it has a population of 90,000, and a nominal revenue of 50,000 rupees; but the sum drawn from it in one way or another, by Government officers, must considerably exceed that amount. Its rajah was exceedingly affable, and his courtly habits are so well known, and have been so often alluded to, that I hope there is no harm in saying that on this occasion he was not untrue to his character. I found him, however, to be a very agreeable man, and he is extremely well-meaning—so much so, as to be desirous of laying down his sovereignty if only the British Government would be good enough to accept it from him, and give him a pension instead. But there are much worse governed states than Bussahir, notwithstanding the effects on its amiable and intelligent rajah of a partial and ill-adjudged English education, in which undue importance was assigned to the use of brandy. He caused some alarm among my people by insisting on handing my revolver, which was loaded; but he soon showed that he knew how to use it with extraordinary skill; for, on a lighted candle being put up for him to fire at, about thirty paces off, though he could scarcely stand by this time, yet he managed, somehow or other, to prop himself up against a tree, and scuffed out the candle at the first shot. On the whole, the rajah made a very favourable impression upon me, despite his pecuniarity, if such it may be called; and my nocturnal interview with him under huge trees in the middle of a dark wet night, remains a very curious and pleasant recollection. The other incident was of a more serious character, and illustrated a danger which every year carries of a certain number of the hillmen. Standing below the bungalow at Soraan, I noticed some men, who were ascending to their village, racing against each other on the grassy bank of a precipice that rose above the road leading to Gaura. One of them unfortunately lost his footing, slipped a little on the edge, and then went over the precipice, striking the road below with a tremendous thud after an almost clear fall of hundreds of feet, and then rebounding from off the road, and falling about a hundred feet into a ravine below. I had to go round a ravine some way in order to reach him, so that when I did so he was not only dead, but nearly cold. The mouth and nostrils were filled with blood, but otherwise there was no indication even of the cause of his death. The rapidity of his descent through the trees had made him far insensible to the blow, as is the greatest cause of hours being broken; and then the tremendous concussion when he struck the road must have knocked every particle of life out of him. This man's brother, his polyandric brother, as it turned out, though polyandry only commences at Soraan, being a Lama and not a Hindu institution, but the two brothers are mixed up a little at the points of contact—reached the body about the same time as I did, and threw himself upon it, weeping and lamenting. I wished to try the effect of some very strong ammonia, but the brother objected to this, because, while probably it would have been of no use, it would have defiled the dead, according to his religious ideas. The only other sympathy I could display was the rather coarse one of paying the people of Soraan, who showed no indications of giving assistance, for carrying the corpse up to its village; but the brother, who understood Hindustani, preferred to take the money himself, in order to purchase wood for the funeral pyre. He was a large strong man, whereas the deceased was little and slight, so he wrapped the dead body in his plaid, and slung it over his shoulders. There was something almost comic, as well as exceedingly pathetic, in the way in which he toiled up the mountain with his burden, wailing and weeping over it whenever he stopped to rest, and kissing the cold face.—"Blackwood's Magazine for November."

## ADVENTURE IN THE DESERT.

On the eighteenth day we were at Ak-Tash (White Stone), within five miles of Bichkhan, the towers of which could be seen glittering above the trees in the distance. Here we halted to let the custom-house officers make a list of our property, and several soldiers, recognising their friends among us, stopped to talk to them. Suddenly a tall, handsome man in uniform, (evidently a Poximai), came staggering past, and was looking contemptuously at us, when one of the soldiers called out to him, "Ha! Mizraffar Beg, hear you this? There is an Orosoro in this caravan who shoots better than any Turkoman! Look to it, my friend, we are shamed for ever if the best shot in our Emir's Guard should be beaten by an unbeliever!" said Mizraffar, twisting his mustache dismally.

"Where is this Rustom (Hercules), who can do such deeds?" "Hem!" answered I, stepping out, and looking full at him. "They have taken you too soon from your mother, my child! Dare you contend with man?" "Most fight with weapons, women, and Persians with their tongues. Try me." The fellow's face turned almost black, and like lightning he drew a pistol and let it slip at me. I sprang aside and escaped; but he was just drawing another, when my master, the Sheikh, and the Sheikh's wife, who were the Brakke, were to Fifteen PEB CENT (15%) only.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents,

1028 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MOLCHERS & Co., Agents,

1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1874.

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MOLCHERS & Co., Agents,

1336 Hongkong, 20th October, 1874.

THE PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed

Agents to the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against

Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings, or

on Goods stored thereon.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents,

1089 Hongkong, 9th July, 1874.

## Insurances.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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1028 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

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1336 Hongkong, 9th July, 1874.

THE SWISS LLOYD'S TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents,

1336 Hongkong, 9th July, 1874.

THE YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents,

1336 Hongkong, 9th July, 1874.

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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all

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